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5. Tap insert as defined in Claim 3 [or 4], characterized in that the seal consists of Teflon.
9. Tap insert as defined in [any of the Claims 1 to 7] Claim 1, characterized in that the shut-off body is a cone or a cylinder.

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**Claims as Amended**

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**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments are primarily for the purpose of eliminating multiple dependencies, and placing the claims in proper form.

Respectfully submitted,

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